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In re Patent Application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-mentioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 2, line 14, please delete "air bubble" and insert --air bubble F--.

Page 6, line 2, delete "110" and insert --10--.

Page 9, line 13, delete "16" and insert --30--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 13, line 2, delete "a layer" and insert --an area--.

REMARKS

Applicants submit no questions of new matter should arise and entry is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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